

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-03254-TSC**

NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK v.  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/29/2019  
Date Terminated: 07/02/2020  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/29/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-6488138) filed by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Elson, Alexander) (Entered: 10/29/2019)
10/29/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Elson, Alexander) (Entered: 10/29/2019)
10/31/2019		Case assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zmc) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
10/31/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zmc) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
11/06/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 11/5/2019, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/06/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/6/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/6/2019.) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Elson, Alexander) (Entered: 11/06/2019)
11/27/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marina Utgoff Braswell on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 11/27/2019)
12/06/2019	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 12/06/2019)
12/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 1/10/20. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 12/6/19. (DJS) (Entered: 12/06/2019)
12/10/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/10/2020. (tb) (Entered: 12/10/2019)
01/10/2020	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/10/2020)
01/13/2020	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Alice Yao on behalf of NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Yao, Alice) (Entered: 01/13/2020)
01/17/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>7</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint status report and proposed order by February 27, 2020. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 1/17/2020. (DJS) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
01/17/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/27/2020. (tb) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
01/17/2020	<u>9</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Brenda A. Gonzalez on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Substituting for attorney Marina Utgoff Braswell (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
02/25/2020	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 02/25/2020)

03/02/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>10</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by April 7, 2020, and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the report contains a proposed briefing schedule, the report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 3/2/2020. (DJS) (Entered: 03/02/2020)
03/04/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/7/2020. (tb) (Entered: 03/04/2020)
04/06/2020	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 04/06/2020)
05/07/2020	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 05/07/2020)
06/05/2020	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael A. Tilghman on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 06/05/2020)
06/05/2020	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 06/05/2020)
06/09/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>14</u> it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by 7/6/2020 and every 30 days thereafter. To the extent the parties propose to change the status quo, the report shall include a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 6/9/2020. (DJS) (Entered: 06/09/2020)
06/09/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/6/2020. (tb) (Entered: 06/09/2020)
06/29/2020	<u>15</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>with Prejudice</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 06/29/2020)